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1. ON THE BASIS EMBOFF CONVERSATION WITH SAIF EL- DIN SULIMAN, DIRECTOR LEGAL DEPT MFA AND OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF LOS FOR GOS, SUDANESE DELEGATION SHOULD BE TAKING LINE DURING CURRENT OAU MEETINGS ADDIS CONSISTENT WITH THAT DESIRED BY USG (REFTEL). SPECIFICALLY SAIF EL- DIN STATED SUDAN BELIEVES THAT IT AS WELL AS OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES SHOULD APPROACH UPCOMING LOS NEGOTIATIONS WITH FLEXIBILITY. HE NOTED THAT DURING MEETINGS EARLIER THIS YEAR IN ADDIS, GOS HAD INSTRUCTED ITS REP (FROM GOS EMBASSY ADDIS) SPECIFICALLY TO URGE SUCH FLEXIBILITY. SAIF EL- DIN FURTHER NOTED HIS SKEPTICISM REGARDING REGIONAL POSITIONS , POINTING OUT DIVERGENT INTERESTS OF AFRICAN STATES ON LOS ISSUES AND FACT THAT OTHER GROUPINGS SUCH AS AMONG LANDLOCKED STATES, NADE NIRE SEBSE. IN SUM HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE RIGID POSITION TO RESULT FROM ADDIS MEETINGS.

2. REGARDING GOS POSITION ON VARIOUS LOS ISSUES, EMBASSY WILL
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COMMENT IN MORE DETAIL IN REQUESTED REVIEW OF COUNTRY PROFILE
(DEPT A- 2810, 3/30/73). IN BRIEF HOWEVER, GOS POSITION
REMAINS VERY MUCH AS STATED IN PROFILE. SAIF EL- DIN IS
HOPEFUL THAT FORTHCOMING LOS DISCUSSIONS WILL PRODUCE POSITIVE
RESULTS AND RECOGNIZES THAT COMPROMISE WILL BE NEEDED ON PART
OF ALL. (HE NOTED, IN PASSING, HARDLINE POSITION OF SOVIETS
AND EVEN SPECULATED AS TO WHETHER THEY WERE TRYING SABOTAGE
ENTIRE LOS EFFORT.)

3. COMMENT: IT ALWAYS POSSIBLE GOS IDEA OF FLEXIBILITY IS NOT
SAME AS OURS. MOREOVER READY AGREEMENT AS TO IMPORTANCE
MAINTAINING SUCH FLEXIBILITY MAY BE DIRECTED IN PART TOWARD
USG POSITIONS. BUT IN GENERAL GOS AND SAIF EL- DIN APPEAR READY
AT LEAST CONSIDER OUR VIEWS AND MAINTAIN DIALOGUE ON KEY ISSUES.
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